



IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Invention: **File Binding System**)
Serial No.: **10/733,525**)
Filed: **12/9/2003**)
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To: **MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT**
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO
FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 26, 2004

Dear Sir:

A. PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total of One (1) Month to file an Amendment and Response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 26, 2004. The granting of this extension will extend the response time until September 27, 2004 (September 26, 2004 is a Sunday).
2. Applicant is a small entity that has already been asserted by the Applicant.
3. Calculation of the extension fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)):

<u>Extension Time</u>	<u>Fee (Large Entity)</u>	<u>Fee (Small Entity)</u>
[X] One Month	\$110.00	\$55.00
[] Two Months	\$420.00	\$210.00
[] Three Months	\$950.00	\$475.00

4. A check in the appropriate amount has been included with this response. Please charge any insufficiency of fee, or credit any excess, to **Deposit Account No. 501248.**

B. AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION

Responsive to the Official Action mailed **May 26, 2004**, please amend the application as follows: